

**Description:**

The department promotes and supports a thorough system of public education by providing leadership, financial resources, accountability measures, training and consultation to school districts, charter schools, and affiliated agencies. In partnership with public schools and families, the department provides high-quality programs and services for learners and monitors schools to meet the letter and spirit of relevant laws, rules, and regulations. The focus of the department is to promote and support best teaching and related practices that lead to high academic achievement and personal development for all students.

**Major Functions and Targeted Performance Standard(s) for Each Function:**

1. Continuously improve the quality of Idaho's public education services to gain program competitiveness, high levels of achievement, and a well-informed citizenry.

A. State achievement tests administered according to 9 - 12 performance standards.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
N/A	N/A	N/A	Standards Approved
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
Dvlp Math-Lang Arts	Piloting Math-Lang Arts	Ribity/Vldty Determined	Field Test Math-Lang Arts

B. Percentage of aggregated public school students reading at or near grade level on the Idaho Reading Indicator in grades K, 1, 2 and 3.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
N/A	N/A	Reading Test Mandated	K-72%, 1-71, 2-82, 3-80
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
K-75%, 1-75, 2-84, 3-82	K-75%, 1-77, 2-85, 3-85	K-75%, 1-78, 2-85, 3-85	K-75%, 1-80, 2-85, 3-85

C. Average percentile aggregated public school ITBS/TAP scores for grades 3, 7 and 11.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
3-51%ile, 7-57, 11-57	3-50%ile, 7-57, 11-57	3-50%ile, 7-59, 11-58	3-53%ile, 7-61, 11-59
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
3-53%ile, 7-60, 11-60	3-53%ile, 7-60, 11-60	3-53%ile, 7-60, 11-60	3-53%ile, 7-60, 11-60

D. Numbers of elementary and secondary schools approved with merit.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
N/A	19	16	19
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
19	19	19	19

2. Provide individuals of all abilities access to public education services to develop their skills, knowledge and social awareness in order to be globally competitive workers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners.

A. Full term average daily attendance, as a percentage of fall enrollment.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
230,207 - 93.9%	229,948 - 94.1%	230,203 - 94.1%	230,630 - 94.0%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
231,200 - 94.0%	231,800 - 94.0%	232,400 - 94.0%	233,000 - 94.0%

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B. Numbers of limited English proficient students placed in an appropriate program.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
11,266	13,188	13,251	16,338
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
17,733	19,547	21,361	23,176

C. Numbers of students with gifts/talents identified and accessing an appropriate education.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
7,733	8,256	8,385	9,151
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
9,600	10,000	10,600	11,000

3. Ensure education relevant to the needs of Idaho's citizens, workforce, business, industry and government agencies through public schools.

A. Numbers/percent of public school districts implementing grade-level educational standards with standards-based assessments based on state standards as a minimum.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
N/A	N/A	N/A	9-12 Stndrds Aprvd
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
K-8 Standards Approved	20 Districts - 18%	40 Districts - 35%	80 Districts - 70%

B. Numbers of school districts implementing character ed. and school to work programs.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
CE 112, STW 100	CE 112, STW 100	CE 112, STW 102	CE 113, STW 102
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
CE 113, STW 102	CE 114, STW 102	CE 114, STW 102	CE 114, STW 102

4. Ensure maximum benefit from public educational resources through efficient operation and management of the education system.

A. Percentage of dropouts in grades 9 - 12 (% ages include students enrolled in alternative schools).

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
4.9%, 6.8%, 7.1%, 6.2%	4.3%, 6.1%, 6.4%, 6.0%	4.5%, 6.1%, 6.9%, 5.8%	4.5%, 6.1%, 6.9%, 5.8%
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
4.4%, 6.0%, 6.8%, 5.7%	4.3%, 5.9%, 6.7%, 5.6%	4.2%, 5.8%, 6.6%, 5.5%	4.1%, 5.7%, 6.5%, 5.4%

B. Numbers of public high school graduates.

Actual Results			
1997	1998	1999	2000
15,666	15,575	15,747	15,800
Projected Results			
2001	2002	2003	2004
15,850	15,900	15,950	16,000

C. Percentage of K - 12 educators completing required technology competency certification.

<b>Actual Results</b>			
<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
N/A	61.1%	60.8%	59.2%
<b>Projected Results</b>			
<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
90%	90%	90%	90%

D. Numbers of public schools operating year around class schedules.

<b>Actual Results</b>			
<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
3	7	11	12
<b>Projected Results</b>			
<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
13	14	15	16

E. Kind and number of reports submitted by districts/charter schools to the SDOE electronically.

<b>Actual Results</b>			
<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
5 Kinds, 676 Reports	5 Kinds, 758 Reports	7 Kinds, 1,460 Reports	7 Kinds, 1,778 Reports
<b>Projected Results</b>			
<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
9 Kinds, 1,934 Reports	10 Kinds, 2,010 Reports	10 Kinds, 2,018 Reports	11 Kinds, 2,158 Reports

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### **Program Results and Effect:**

Presented in this report are indicators of public education that correspond to the overall goals of the State Board of Education. They are the same goals of the department's strategic plan. Most indicators are data derived from reports submitted by school districts implementing federal and state statutes and administrative rules for K-12 education under the direct control of locally elected trustees, governing boards and the administrators they employ.

Indicators of educational quality include student achievement. It is believed the complex process of standards implementation will have a positive impact on achievement as measured by local school districts, and as indicated by future state-wide standards-based assessments reported to the department. It is believed that norm-referenced tests (ITBS/TAP) will be reduced to perhaps 3 grade levels in favor of standards-based assessments, the planning for which is now under way, and that instruction will increasingly be aligned with the same standards used to measure what students know and are able to do. The quality of public schools may also be reflected in individual school approval according to state and regional research-based accreditation standards, particularly for schools going through the rigorous evaluation process earning the coveted approval designation as a merit school.

Access to effective education has long been the expected and desired result of public education. The benefits of instruction are more likely to happen when students are in attendance and engaged in learning and developmental activities. Average daily attendance during the first nine weeks of school remains at about 94% of fall enrollment. Access to an appropriate education is also important for those student members of special populations who require instruction tailored to meet needs based on unique personal characteristics or conditions calling for education to more precisely take into account cultural and linguistic differences. The numbers of such students are increasing.

Standards-based instruction has greater relevance to professionally determined national and state performance expectations deemed by business leaders and higher education to be important for the future success of students after graduating from Idaho public schools. Subsequent to recent and on-going standards adoption actions, the numbers of schools implementing standards will continue to increase as the department is able to make available and target appropriate resources. It is expected that school districts will continue to foster pertinent character and worker traits for all students, as important, functional and germane components of public education.

Indicators of various efficiencies include small reductions in the rates at which students drop out of regular secondary schools, and increases in the numbers student graduates, year around schools, and kinds and numbers of electronic reports submitted to the department of education. The percentage of educators gaining certification in instructional technology competencies, to increase management and appropriate instructional efficiencies, must increase to meet the goal of 90 percent per school building. The turnover of existing certificated staff, and the addition of new personnel who have not yet earned a certificate of computer technology competence, mitigate against the desired increase in the percentage of certificated personnel attaining that certification.

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